

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS!

- Feb. 1 Jennifer Swanson, Brandon Clark
Feb. 2 Todd Carriker, Roxy Moorman
Feb. 5 Lee Andeway
Feb. 7 Rachel Kelderman
Feb. 9 Jim Veldhuizen, Eloise Sloan, Marcus Messamer
Feb. 10 Norma Anderson, Sharon Staton, Elaine Eveland, Allyson Maxwell, Wyatt Krier, Jan Mayer
Feb. 11 Tonia Edmundson, Dalton Shaul
Feb. 13 Angie Shrader
Feb. 17 Stan Herr
Feb. 18 Dave Porter, Amanda Hoy
Feb. 20 Mike Foster, Delia Lahner
Feb. 21 Mily Michel
Feb. 23 Mike Maxwell
Feb. 24 Amy Slobe, Gina Nielsen, Taylen Parker
Feb. 25 Greg Scott, Jason Herr
Feb. 26 William Kminek
Feb. 27 Joan Benscoter
Feb. 28 Peg Hook, Rita Hoogheem, Scott Gilliland, Garrett Gilliland, Lucy Canfield
Feb. 29 Lylah Hughes



Pastor's Notes:

“There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.” (1 Cor. 12:4-7)

God has blessed every believer with spiritual gifts, gifts that enable us to serve the Lord in a special way. Some of the gifts listed in the book of Romans are the gifts of serving, teaching, preaching, giving generously, helping, showing compassion. These are tools that God gives us, not for our own benefit, but “for the common good,” for the benefit of the body of Christ, of which we are a part.

“Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ...Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.” (1 Cor. 12:12,27) Every member of the church is important and every gift must be shared for the body to function properly. We all have a purpose and a role to fill in serving Christ.

“For the body is not made up of one part but of many...and those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable.” (1 Cor. 12:14,22) Don't underestimate the value of your gifts or their worth to the Kingdom of God. Only when we all work together will we be able to grow as God intended.

“The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.” (Eph. 4:11-13) That's our goal; to build up the body of Christ, to grow to maturity as followers of Christ. This is what happens as we put to use all the gifts God has given to each of us, when the body functions as a whole.

“Speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.” (Eph. 4:15-16) Love is the gift God gives to every believer and it is what motivates us to work together and use our gifts to build up the body of Christ. Peace be with you!

Pastor Chad

Bridge Events

What is a bridge event? Bridge events are events that are held outside the church walls, preferably off church grounds entirely, specifically designed to meet and connect with people in the community.

The **Winter Carnival is coming soon!** It will be on January 29 at the Penn Central Mall from 2-4 p.m. This is a huge event that our church hosts and many volunteers are needed. The sign up to volunteer is in the narthex. Please check it out and see where you would like to help!

There are several items that we need donated. Please bring the items to the church by **Sunday, January 29th**. If you would rather make a monetary donation, that is also appreciated!

- 16 oz. and 2 liter bottles of pop (any flavor)
- Bottles of Gatorade
- Bottled Water: any size
- Juice Boxes
- Lots of Dum Dum suckers
- Bags of candy for prizes

“**Decorated**” cakes, cookies, cupcakes and other fun treats for the Cake Walk. If you are willing to donate “**decorated**” goodies please send an email to cslobe@mtja.net.



Change A Child's Story Wow! Thank you to everyone who purchased books off of the tree for the children at our elementary school! They were so excited and the book pillows were a huge hit!

Dear CUMC Family,

We want to thank you for the very generous gift of money you gave us for Christmas! We consider it a blessing and a privilege to serve the Lord alongside you! We sincerely appreciate your kindness during this special season!!

In Him,
Pastor Chad, Joy, & Becca



Discipleship Pathway:

Women's Bible Study - Joy Lierman will be leading Isaiah: Striving Less and Trusting God More by Melissa Spoelstra beginning Monday February 6 at 6:30 p.m. and Tuesday February 7 at 9:30 a.m. It is a 7-week study, so make sure you mark those seven weeks on your calendar. The deadline is past to purchase a book through the church, so feel free to purchase it on your own. Check out the study and promotional videos at Lifeway.com if you'd like more information on this study. Let's dive into God's word together this winter!

The Men's Bible Study led by Pastor Chad meets on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the Blue Room. This is an ongoing men's group and all men are welcome to join anytime.



The **Finance Committee** report:



December 2022 income	\$39,978
December 2022 expense	\$31,739
	\$ 8,239
Total yearly income	\$328,143
Total yearly expense	\$346,248
	\$ -18,105

“FELLOWSHIP NIGHT” (formerly known as Family Game Night) Sunday, February 19 from 4-6 p.m. Bring games to play and food to share! Bring your friends! This is for all ages in our church to come play together, enjoy munchies and have fun! Gaga Ball and 9 Square will be set up too!



Thanks to Jackson Lahner for planning the fun “We Three Kings” Epiphany Party! Beckett Plate found the hidden piece so will be planning the party for next year!

Our E.P.I.C. youth and several friends had a blast playing Lazer Tag! Even the adults were in on the

fun and might have won at least one round! We have had several families with younger children asking about Lazer Tag so we are going to plan another event where all ages can participate.

Sunday School: Participation in Sunday School, Outstanding Attendance and Perfect Attendance will be recognized at the end of the year. Those who have attended Sunday School 80% of the Sundays will be recognized for Outstanding Attendance. If you are out of town and attend another church, bring back a bulletin, give to your Sunday School teacher and it will be marked as present.

Please let the office know if you would be willing to be on the substitute list. You can always say no if you are not available. It’s nice to have a variety of names to call.

The dates have been set for **Confirmation Sunday (May 7)** and **Celebration/Senior Sunday (May 21)**. The last day of Sunday School will be **May 14**. The Confirmands will be invited to attend the high school class on May 14.

Children to sing and ring on January 29. They will be singing and ringing after the children’s message. Please have your children meet at 9:15 a.m. in the chapel to practice.

Noisy Offering: The children will be collecting a “Noisy Offering” each last Sunday following their singing and ringing. They will come around the congregation and collect any loose change that you may have. The next noisy offering will be **Sunday, January 29** and will support Change A Child’s Story. Thank you for helping to “make a change” in someone’s life with our noisy offering.

Teacher Encouragement Lunch: Teachers, the Education Committee would like to invite you to a Teacher Encouragement Lunch on Sunday, March 5 at noon. Please let Karen know if you plan to attend or not.

Vacation Bible School: Our dates for VBS for this summer are still being determined. The theme will be “Food Truck Party”. Would you like to be on the planning committee? A meeting will be set soon to begin planning.

E.P.I.C. (Experiencing Possibilities In Christ) Youth Group for 6-12th graders

E.P.I.C. will meet on Sunday nights from 6:00-7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. The Sign Up Genius has been sent out to help with the meals. Thank you!

- † Sunday, January 22: Regular E.P.I.C. with Gaga Ball and 9 Square
- † Sunday, January 29: Youth are encouraged to help at the Winter Carnival
- † Sunday, February 5: Regular E.P.I.C.
- † Sunday, February 12: “Souper Bowl” and Valentine’s Day Bake Sale
- † Sunday, February 19: Fellowship Night from 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- † Sunday, February 26: Seven Oaks in Boone

Leaders and second adults are always needed for E.P.I.C! If anyone would like to work with our amazing youth, please let us know!


JUMPSTART your morning! Thursday mornings from 7:15 a.m. to 7:45ish a.m. for High Schoolers (and middle schoolers if you can find a ride). Light breakfast will be served.

As always, invite your friends and especially those that may not have a church home to any of these events!

We have E.P.I.C. t-shirts for anyone, youth and adults, who would like to support our youth. They are \$10.

Souper Bowl: Our youth are hosting a “Souper Bowl” lunch on Sunday, February 12 beginning at 11:15 a.m. to help raise funds for upcoming activities. The youth will be serving a variety of soups and samples too! Youth families, please watch for the Sign Up Genius. **There will also be a Valentine’s Day Bake Sale that day!**

Seven Oaks: We are heading to Seven Oaks for a day of skiing, snowboarding and tubing on Sunday, February 26! If you plan to **TUBE**, please let Karen know by **January 29** in order for the tubes to be reserved. If you plan to **ski or snowboard**, please let Karen know by **February 12**. All youth going need our church Family/Student Information Form filled out and anyone planning to participate (youth and adults) need to fill out the Seven Oaks form. We will leave Oskaloosa at 1:15 p.m. and return around 9:30 p.m. Thank you to Rick and Connie Bryan for providing Meal Deal food vouchers. We will also bring along snacks and waters. If you plan to rent a helmet or want other food from the concession stand, bring extra spending money. You might also bring a change of clothes in case yours are wet and you don’t want to sit in the vehicle on the way home with wet clothes. The cost for youth and chaperones is \$15. The youth funds will pay the rest. For anyone else going the cost is \$27.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 8:30- Little Creations P.S. 6:30- Staff Parish Relations Committee – Blue Room 7- Choir Rehearsal	2 8:30- Little Creations 10:30- Church Meeting	3 8:30- Little Creations	44
5 9:30- Worship/KMZN 10:30- Fellowship/Sunday School 6- E.P.I.C. Youth Group	6 8:30- Little Creations 6:30- Women's Study	7 8:30- Little Creations 9:30- Women's Study 10- Men's Bible Study 12- Caring Comm. Lunch 7- Al Anon –Library	8 8:30- Little Creations 6- Finance Committee 6- Education Committee 6:30 – Board of Trustees 7- Choir Rehearsal	9 8:30- Little Creations	10 8:30- Little Creations	11
12 9:30- Worship/KMZN 10:30- Fellowship/Sunday School 11:30- Soup'er Bowl Lunch	13 8:30- Little Creations 6:30- Women's Study 6:30- Caring Committee meeting	14 8:30- Little Creations 9:30- Women's Study 10- Men's Bible Study 7- Al Anon –Library	15 8:30- Little Creations 7:30- Ad. Council – Blue Room 7- Choir Rehearsal	16 8:30- Little Creations	17 8:30- Little Creations	18
19 9:30- Worship/KMZN 10:30- Fellowship/Sunday School 4-6pm – All Church/All Ages Fellowship Game Night	20 8:30- Little Creations 6:30- Women's Study	21 8:30- Little Creations 9:30- Women's Study 10- Men's Bible Study 7- Al Anon –Library	22 8:30- Little Creations 6:30- Ash Wednesday Service 7- Choir Rehearsal	23 8:30- Little Creations 9:30- 4C's Group	24	25
26 9:30- Worship/KMZN 10:30- Fellowship/Sunday School Seven Oaks Ski Trip	27 8:30- Little Creations 6:30- Women's Study ** Little Creations Preschool Fundraiser Supper	28 8:30- Little Creations 9:30- Women's Study 10- Men's Bible Study 7- Al Anon –Library	Informational Meetings regarding possible disaffiliation planned: Sunday, January 22 nd @ 2pm in the sanctuary Wednesday, January 25 th @ 6pm in Fellowship Hall Thursday, February 2 nd @ 10:30am in Fellowship Hall			

Come for Lunch!
Tuesday February 7th at noon.
Join us for chicken and noodles and Fellowship
Sponsored by the Caring Committee



Christmas Eve 4:30 – 91 6:30 – 137 Total - 228
Dec. 25 - 50 **Jan. 1 – 74**
Jan. 8 – 136 **Jan. 15 – 150**